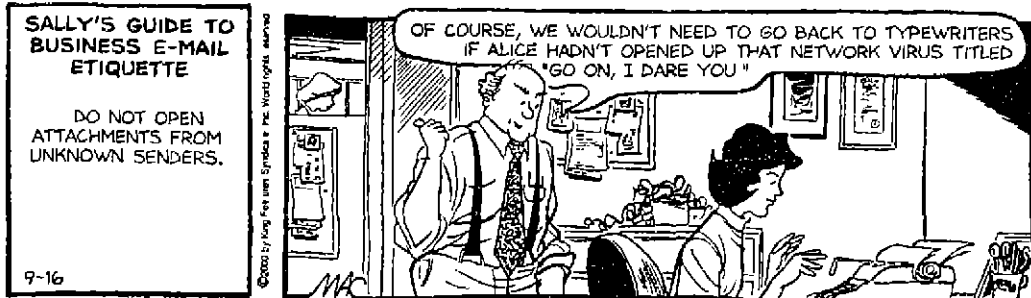


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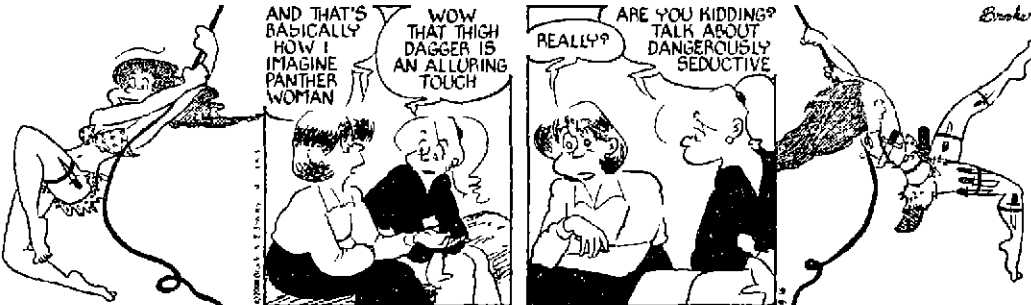
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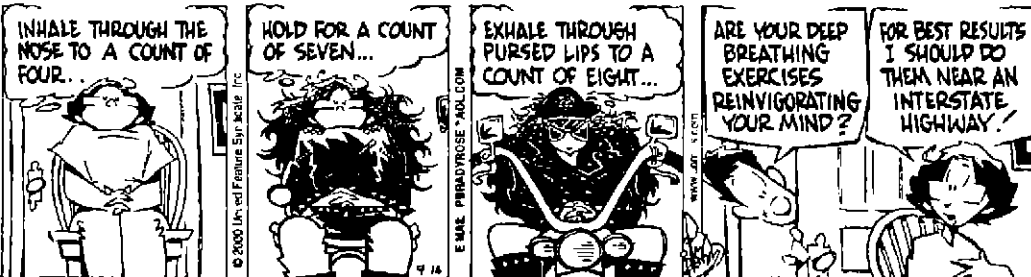
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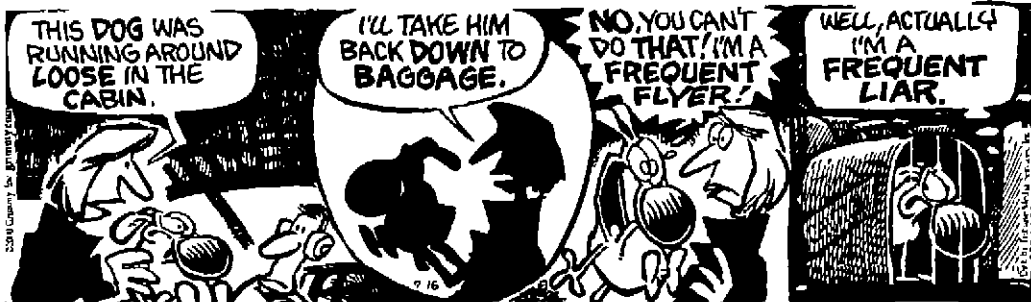
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FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actress Janis Paige is 78. Actress Lauren Bacall is 76. Blues singer B. B. King is 75. Clergyman-Author Rev. Robert Schuller is 74. Actor Peter Falk is 73. Actress Linda Miller is 58. Rhythm-and-blues singer Betty Kelly (Martha & the Vandellas) is 56. Actor Ed Begley Jr. is 51. Country singer David Bellamy (The Bellamy Brothers) is 50. Actor Mickey Rourke is 44.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

SCRABBLE puzzle grid and instructions. Includes a 15-letter word search grid and a list of words found.

For solution, see Classified.

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DE WORDS

Word search puzzle grid with letters arranged in a grid.

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Sunday, Sept. 17, 2000. ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Finances and investment advice are dropped into your lap. TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Congratulate yourself on recent successes. Others will support and encourage you.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

West leads the heart four to South's ace and South knocks out West's diamond ace. West leads another heart, dummy's king wins, and South leads a club from dummy, covering East's nine with his jack.

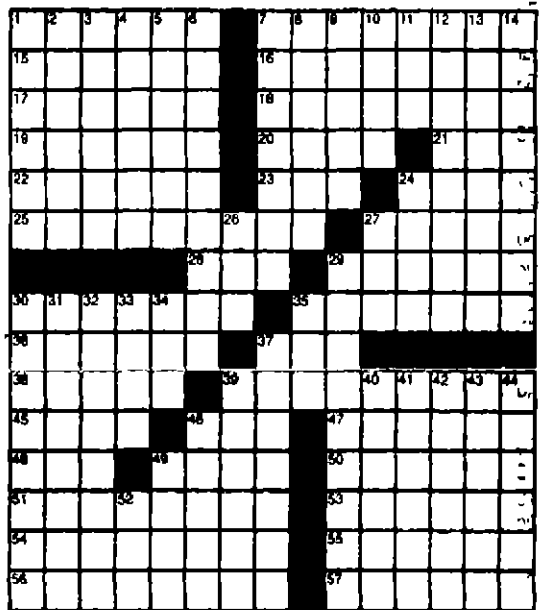
N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0805

- Across: 1. Garfield, e.g. 7. Uncommon sort 15. Get some air 16. Dormant 17. Justice who took Rehnquist's seat 18. Navel observer? 19. Agriculturist 20. ... Il (razor brand) 21. Not just any 22. Salad pepper-uppers 23. Kind of grass 24. 10 jiao 25. Usurer 27. Sparkler 28. West ender? 29. Where Salvador is 30. Pop music's 98 Degrees, e.g. 35. Orangish 36. Directed skyward 37. Certain gift 38. French story 39. Subject in Tennyson's 'Idylls of the King' 45. Connecting point 46. By which Lat. 47. One making big bucks? 48. 'El ...' (1998 documentary) 49. Dethrone 50. Famous Massachusetts political family 51. Iron ore 53. Level best 54. Comic who co-starred in 'Nuns on the Run' 55. Phrase of inclusion 56. Took a break 57. Making noises

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

WESTLY BEAMERS COACHED RADIOTA ASSURED ANIOTEA LOTTO JACKPOT MATE SIME STABILE SPRAWL ISH NIP WHATS RUSNAME ECONOMY OPALTHE MOMSAPPLEPIE UMA SEE ONRAMP SONAR WVA BIO TOURISTCLASS MINISKI PALATES ONADISKI IRONORE EDMEESE CODERS



- Down: 1. Symbol of holiness 2. San Fernando Valley locale 3. Classic theater name 4. Visit 5. Who 'They' are in the movie 'They Live' 6. A rip-off for readers? 7. Actor married to Geraldine Page 8. Ski jacket 9. Attacked 10. Current status? 11. Put away 12. Whiz 13. With 31-Down, exasperated exclamation 14. Peacefully 24. Oncologist's interest 26. Knack 27. (If it weren't for this leach) 29. They can melt hearts 30. Gatorade, e.g. 31. See 13-Down 32. Entirely conjectural 33. Fires do it 34. Poet's mits 35. ... Poly 37. Having a pony beard 39. 1975 craze, with 'The' 40. Natural hideout 41. Surveyor's assistant 42. Portuguese-soaking land 43. Strands up north, say 44. Went gaga 46. Portions of chewing tobacco 49. Company that - mums the trade name 'Escalator' 52. Whiz

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